

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

February 21, 2021

*First Sunday of
Lent*



Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, united in the Eucharist and under the guidance of St. Mary of the Assumption, strengthen our faith by praising God, proclaiming His word, sharing His love with all people and serving those in need.

**St. Mary:
Pray for Us**

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, *Pastor*
Rev. Thomas Pendrick, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Patrick W. Donohue, *In-Residence*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCIA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*
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Online giving: WeShare
stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

Eucharistic Liturgy

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Holydays (except Saturday): 7:00 am, 8:45 am, & 7:30 pm
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 7:00 am & 8:45 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Holiday: 9:00 am on Major Civil Holidays

Religious Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturday following 8:30 am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of the month, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, in the upper church.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Private confessions at any time. Please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Common policy of the Archdiocese of Newark asks that arrangements be made one year in advance. Engaged couples must call to make an appointment to speak to a priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should register for the Baptism Preparation Program at the rectory...even before the baby is born!

Catechumenate

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

God's Plan for Giving - Tithing

Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God. We ask half of this, or 5%, for your parish Church. The other 5% goes to your favorite charities.



Saturday	Feb. 20 - Vigil Parishioners of St. Mary's
5:30PM	
Sunday	Feb. 21 - First Sunday of Lent George Michael Woke Ivanica Telesmanich Rosita Frio
7:45AM	
10:00AM	
12 Noon	
Monday	Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle Betty Walters Cornelius J. Gallagher
7:00AM	
8:45AM	
Tuesday	Feb. 23 - Lenten Weekday Victor Ghilain Johnny Paulk
7:00AM	
8:45AM	
Wednesday	Feb. 24 - Lenten Weekday Jerry DiGirolamo Claire Mackin
7:00AM	
8:45AM	
Thursday	Feb. 25 - Lenten Weekday Claire Mackin Pablo T. Naong
7:00AM	
8:45AM	
Friday	Feb. 26 - Lenten Weekday Margarita Hellstern Daniel Markert
7:00AM	
8:45AM	
Saturday	Feb. 27 - Lenten Weekday Kathleen Owens Gerard Reilly
8:30AM	
5:30PM	
Sunday	Feb. 28 - Second Sunday of Lent Parishioners of St. Mary's Frances Hans Eduardo Carretas
7:45AM	
10:00AM	
12 Noon	

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Gerard Reilly requested by his wife and family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased James Pawelczyk, Roel C. Inocentes, and Mary Cameron.

2021 Available Offerings

- Bread and Wine**
Feb. 14; Apr. 11; May 9; Jun. 6 & 20; Jul. 4 & 11;
Oct. 3 & 17.
- Sanctuary Lamp**
May 2; Jul. 4; Aug. 29; Oct. 24.

Mass Reservations

Masses:

Sunday Masses:

In order to attend Sunday Mass, you must make a reservation by calling the parish office at 201-384-0557 by 12:00noon on Friday or by emailing us at contactus@stmarysdumont.org.

You will receive confirmation of your reserved spot. Masses are at 5:30pm on Saturday, 7:45am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm on Sunday. We continue to live stream the 10:00am Mass on Sunday for those who are at home.

Daily Masses:

Our daily masses are at 7:00am and 8:45am Monday to Friday and 8:30am on Saturday. You don't need to make a reservation to attend our daily masses.

Volunteers:

We need two volunteers to check in people at each Sunday. Email Kathy Sylvester at kathy@stmarysdumont.org if you can help.

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Stations of the Cross



We will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the upper church all Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm using different meditations.

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Lenten Giving Tree

Every year during Lent for our Giving Tree, we helped St. Clare's Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark and Oasis Center for Women and Children in Paterson.



Due to the pandemic, in place of purchasing different items, they are requesting gift cards from:

- Visa, CVS,
- Walgreen, Target,
- Wal-Mart and ShopRite.

You can also make a monetary donation and we will purchase the gift cards. Any donation you can give us is greatly appreciated. Please drop off your donation (s) marked Giving Tree to the parish office during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm or to the collection boxes during Lent.

From the Pastor



Jesus spent 40 days in the desert to prepare himself for his public ministry. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert to prepare themselves to enter into the Promised Land. We are given the 40 days of Lent to prepare ourselves for the great celebration of our salvation. The question is what desert will we chose to help us get ready?

Lent is a time of sober reflection, reassessment and rededication of our lives to God. We review our lives, seek forgiveness, do penance, and recommit ourselves to Christ. How is this possible in the busyness of everyday life and in the noise of our crowded world?

This first Sunday of Lent reminds us that each of us needs to follow Christ into the desert. This is a journey into the self. A journey where we too face temptations; a journey where we acknowledge our failures; a journey in which we allow the Spirit to guide us and where we come to understand our total dependence on the God who called us into being.

May our Lenten journey lead us not just to the joys of Easter but may it also lead us into a deeper and more profound relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Fr. Carey

**the 2021
Annual Appeal**
Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have **\$5,497.00** already pledged from **24 families** as of February 16, 2021.

Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark?

If you have not yet made a gift, there will be pledge forms available at the doors of the church or you can visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Dear Parishioners:

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us remember the three Lenten practices: Prayer, Penance and Almsgiving.



As you prepare for Easter, please consider donating to the St. Mary's Food Pantry.

When you are able, please drop non-perishable food items at the St. Mary's rectory Monday - Friday between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm or after any mass. We thank all the parishioners who continually donate to the pantry. Items most currently needed are listed below.

Our next drive through food donation will be on Saturday, March 20 from 10 am to 12 noon. More information will be forthcoming.

PLEASE remember to check the dates on your items. Outdated items cannot be distributed.

If you or anyone you know needs a bag or two of groceries, please call the St. Mary's Parish Office between 9 am and 5 pm Monday - Friday at 201-384-0557. Nights and weekends please call the emergency number at 201-696-2819.

**God Bless,
The St. Mary's Food Pantry Volunteers**

Items Most Needed: Peanut butter and jelly, syrup, bisquick, canned tuna or other meat/fish, cereal, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese, rice dishes, condiments, individually wrapped or packs of 4 rolls of toilet paper, paper towels (individually wrapped or not) and tissues

Please remember that the need for food donations never ceases.

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God's Plan for Giving:

"The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you."

(Deuteronomy 16:10)

Collection Feb. 13 - 14, 2021	\$6,252.00
Weekly On Line Giving	\$ 852.00
Same Weekend 2020	\$7,816.00

You can make a donation online, using the link stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com

We deeply appreciate the continued love and support you give to St. Mary's.



PACT/Religious Education Program

Religious Education Lenten Meeting & Resources

PACT parents- please check your e-mail for the private link to access the meeting from last week. Also check your e-mail for links for Lenten resources and initiatives sent out to our PACT families. If you have not received the e-mail or need to change your preferred e-mail address, send us an e-mail at religioused@stmarysdumont.org

First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession Practice




First Penance 2021 Preparation live and virtual practice will be Monday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. Please pray with us as we prepare to bring candidates to Reconciliation with our forgiving Lord during Lent.

Confirmation 2021 Preparation Registration

Parents are asked to complete registration forms with their candidates indicating that they will be enrolled in preparing for Confirmation Preparation. Registration forms should be returned by now, more information will be sent directly to candidates and their families.



PACT/Religious Education - update your Contact Information

 If you are a part of St. Mary's Religious Education program and need to update e-mail addresses, phone numbers, or other contact information call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail us at religioused@stmarysdumont.org.

Altar-Rosary Easter Candy Sale

Orders will be taken on-line for delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter candy. Pick up will be Saturday, March 27 by the Rectory Garage. The link for placing an order is: <https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fundraisingproducts/index/index/organizationid/119856/sellerid/5>.

If you cannot order online there will be some flyers in the parish office, for you to submit a paper order. You will need to fill it out and return it to the parish office by March 1st.

Listed below are the names of our friends or loved ones who are Serving in the Military and Sick . Should the name(s) be removed or if you want to add new names on the list who are in need of prayer, please call the parish office at 201-384-0557 and we will start praying for them. If you want their name to be added to our Prayer Chain, please let us know that as well.

Serving in the Military

John Eckel III..Jaelon Magat..Sean Flanagan
Steven Serpa...Brian Manley...Steve Sullivan
Christopher Smaldone...James Francis Ward
Brandon Barhydt...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner
Anthony Dunkin...Brandon Dellner...Bobby Dellner

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi..Rose O'Shea..Sean Hayes..Scott Tkacz
James Carney...Michael Curran...Hector Montero
Hailey van Weathering..Lyla McMahan..Tom Phelan
Anthony Montagnino...Sandy Tolentino...Cris Kelly
George DiCostanzo...Myra D'Silva...John Scalice
Angela Darata...Dennis Murray...Gabriel Pappas
Nancy Caggiano..Joseph Pierre-Antoine Sally Ariola
Eric Granada..Mr. & Mrs. Joe Paquiz..John Weiss,Sr.
Kristi Carbonaro...Riley Suapengco... Frank Uvenio
Rosemarie, William and Mildred Dellner...Jun Adel
Ed DeFreese...Frank Martin...Joseph Vaccaro
Diane Lang...Barbara Castaldi...Nicholas Ippolito
Fred Herman...SSND Wilton

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Stewardship Reflection

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..."

Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Prayer Of The Faithful

That we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each us.

St. Mary's Church
2022 Mass Requests BY MAIL ONLY

The Mass Book for 2022 will open on Wed., March 10. You can request for **Three Sundays or Holydays and Five weekdays** during the month of March. This will ensure that all parishioners have equal opportunity for Masses for family and loved ones. You will receive confirmation of the dates and time you requested.

Three Sundays or Holydays - \$10.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Time	Mass Card	
1. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
2. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
3. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No

Five Weekdays - \$10.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Time	Mass Card	
1. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
2. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
3. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
4. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No
5. _____	_____	_____	Yes	No

Two Bread and Wine - \$50.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Two Sanctuary Lamp - \$30.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Two Flowers - \$50.00 Each

Intention for: (Please indicate if Living)	Date	Requested by:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Name: _____ *Phone: _____
 *Email: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
 Address: _____

****Required for confirmation. Please send in separate checks for Masses and the other offerings.***
 Please drop off the completed form, with your donation, in the Parish Office during the week, from 9:00am to 5:00pm or in the collection boxes. Please make sure to write on the envelope **2022 Masses**.